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(Amendment under provision of Patent Law Section 11)

- 4. Subject of amendment: specification and claims
- 5. Contents of amendment:
- (1) In specification page 2 line 9 to page 3 line 17,

  "which may soil .... is bent on the symmetrical axis (X-axis)

  (claim 2) " is amended to
- "which may soil .... the clothes".
- (2) In specification page 3 line 18 to page 4 line 25,

  "Note that .... are engaged with each other," is amended to

  "In the clothes holding device .... are engaged with each other,".
- (3) Claim 1 is deleted.
- (4) Claim 2 is deleted.
- (5) Claim 3 is amended.
- (6) Claim 4 is amended.
- 6. List of attached documents
  - (1) Specification page 2 line 9 to page 3 line 17 1
  - (2) Specification page 3 line 18 to page 4 line 25 1
  - (3) CLAIMS pages 24 to 25

### [page 2 line 9 to page 3 line 17]

which may soil fashionable touches of clothes to be held and the beauty of shop interior as exhibition space of the clothes.

Especially, in a ladies' dress shop where fashion is the main concept of business, it may be difficult to use the hangers according to the above conventional techniques without hesitation.

#### DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

The present invention has been made in consideration of the problems of the above-described conventional techniques, and has its object to provide a clothes holding device which improves the beauty of the interior of space to hold clothes without spoiling fashionable touches of the clothes.

## [page 3 line 18 to page 4 line 25]

In the clothes holding device of the present invention, a flexible member (10A) forming the surface of a wall plane (W) is cut into a line symmetrical shape with a horizontal axis (X) as a symmetrical axis, however, a vertical-directional upper area (14T) is not cut, while a vertical-directional lower area (14B) is bent along the horizontal axis (X), and the bent portion (13) and a remaining portion (vertical-directional upper area 14T) hold clothes (claim 3).

In this case, an engagement member (21T, 21B; 16T, 16B; 23T, 23B) is provided in the vertical-directional upper area (14T) and in the vertical-directional lower area (14B), wherein the engagement members (21T, 21B; 16T, 16B; 23T, 23B) are engaged with each other,

#### CLAIMS

- 1. deleted
- 2. deleted
- 3. (amended) A clothes holding device wherein a flexible member forming the surface of a wall plane is cut into a line symmetrical shape with a horizontal axis as a symmetrical axis, and wherein a vertical-directional upper area is not cut, while a vertical-directional lower area is bent along the horizontal axis, and a bent portion and a remaining portion hold clothes.
- 4. (amended) The clothes holding device according to claim 3, further comprising an engagement member in the vertical-directional upper area and in the vertical-directional lower area, wherein the engagement members are engaged with each other, thereby a status where the vertical-directional lower area is bent along the horizontal axis is maintained.